

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electronic parcel box ~~system~~device comprising:

- (a) at least two operating units;
- (b) a plurality of electronic parcel boxes, several of which are associated with one of the operating units;[[ and]]
- (c) each operating unit comprising at least a control means for controlling the opening and/or the closing of the parcel boxes associated with the operating units; and
- (d) a central control unit for controlling the operating units, the central control unit comprising an interface for flexibly associating the parcel boxes with the operating units, thereby associating the control means of each operating unit for controlling the opening and/or closing of the parcel boxes to a different group of parcel boxes.

Claim 2 (Original): The electronic parcel box system of claim 1, wherein the parcel boxes associated with a malfunctioning operating unit are associated with another operating unit.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A logistic system comprising:

- (a) several electronic parcel box systems networked with each other, each electronic parcel box system comprising:
  - at least two operating units;
  - a plurality of electronic parcel boxes, several of which are associated with one of the operating units; and
  - a central control unit for controlling the operating units, the central control unit comprising an interface for flexibly associating the parcel boxes with the operating units;
- (b) a central database server comprising memory for storing data about the filling status of the parcel box systems and a transmitter for transmitting the data, wherein

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postal parcels are delivered to individual electronic parcel box systems as a function of the filling status of the electronic parcel box systems.